

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIZON PETITION FOR WAIVER OF)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CUSTOMER)
SERVICE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES)
RULES)

CAUSE NO. 43322
PREHEARING
CONFERENCE ORDER
APPROVED:

SEP 19 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

Larry S. Landis, Commissioner

Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

On July 11, 2007, Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems ("Petitioner") filed its Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 I.A.C. 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held in the IURC Conference Center, Suite 220, Judicial Courtroom 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana at 1:30 p.m. on September 11, 2007. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. The Petitioner and the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("Public" or "OUCC") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which should become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. **Petitioner's Prefiling Date.** The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before September 28, 2007. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
2. **Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** Public and all Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before October 26, 2007. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
3. **Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before November 13, 2007. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, Public and any Intervenors should be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. EST in the IURC Conference Center, Suite 220, Judicial Courtroom 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of Public's or Intervenors' witnesses. **If the parties reach settlement, the agreement should be submitted to the Commission at least five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.**

5. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding should be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 I.A.C. 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the Evidentiary Hearing, the prefiled testimony should be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

6. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request. The parties have agreed to electronic service for service of discovery and testimony.

7. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party should concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same should also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

8. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** With the exception of work papers, the parties should file with the Commission an original and five (5) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony should be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

9. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

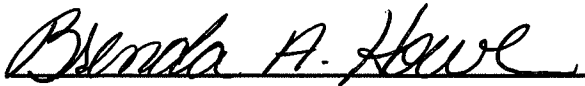
1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

HARDY, GOLC, LANDIS, SERVER AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

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**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda A. Howe", is written over a horizontal line.

**Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission**